

THE AVALANCHE.

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WEDNESDAY JUNE 25 1879.

FOR PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES,
IN 1880,
ZACHARIAH CHANDLER,
OF MICHIGAN.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Last week we gave a synopsis of the manner in which the Secretary of the Treasury had wrestled with the public debt.

We now propose to examine the matter more in detail. We are prompted to this by reading the platform of the democrats in Ohio, adopted at their late state convention, in which they charge the republican administration with increasing the public debt.

We are sorry that we cannot accord to the democrats of Ohio the advantage of ignorance on this subject; indeed we would like to cast that charitable mantle over their political sins, but we cannot. The democrats of Ohio know too well that they are lying to admit of such an excuse. The public debt reached its highest point on the 31st day of August, 1865, and at that period was \$2,844,649,636.56. On the 31st day of next August it will be about \$1,797,643,700, which will be a reduction since 1865 of \$1,047,005,986.56, or nearly one half of the entire public debt. The above figures are taken from the official reports of the Secretary of the Treasury, and are therefore reliable.

In making up their statement of the public debt the democrats include in their composition the four per cent bonds issued, and now in the treasury, for the purpose of paying for called bonds of a higher rate of interest, but not yet surrendered.

But even this would not make the public debt as great as it was in 1865. Such reckless falsehoods published as the platform of a political party proved so disastrous to the greenback party last fall, that it would seem that no attempt of a repetition of such a folly would be made.

The present administration has shown a degree of financial ability throughout, in the matter of extinguishing the public debt, that it has challenged the administration of the civilized world.

Had the republican administration in 1876 adopted the crazy scheme of the greenback party, we could not have funded a single six per cent bond into one of a lower rate of interest.

The people would have been doing business on a currency worth less than fifty cents on a dollar, and poor laborers would now be paying such enormous prices for the necessities of life, that want and distress would be found on every hand all over our country. But thanks to the economy and prudence of the government, we to-day have a paper currency on a par with gold, and the wants of the poor can be supplied at less cost than at any former period in the history of our country.

The democrats are welcome to all the capital they can make out of such statements as those made in the Ohio platform; for Hon. Charles Foster knows just how to meet such base and reckless falsehoods, and armed with the figures from the Treasury Department he can so effectually nail such lies to the counter, as will tell heavily against the party that perpetrates them.

Bread and Butter.

Hall in his Journal of Health, gives the following bit of wisdom: "Bread and butter are the only articles of food of which we never tire from early childhood to extreme old age. A pound of fine flour or Indian meal contains three times as much meat as one pound of butcher's roast beef; and if the whole product of the grain, bran and all, were made into bread, fifteen per cent more of nutriment would be added. Unfortunately the bran, the coarsest part of which gives soundness to the teeth and strength to the brain, is generally excluded. Five hundred pounds of flour give to the body thirty pounds of the bony aliment, while the same quantity of bran gives more than 125 pounds.

This bone is lime, the phosphate of lime, the indispensable element of health to the whole human body, from the want of which multitudes of persons go into a general decline.

Mark Twain's Probabilities for New England.

In his speech at the dinner of the New England Society in New York, Mark Twain said: "Old Probabilities has a mighty reputation for accurate prophecy, and thoroughly well deserves it. You take up the papers, and observe how crisply and confidently he checks off what to-day's weather is going to be on the Pacific, down South, in the Middle States, in the Wisconsin region; see him sail along in the joy and pride of his power till he gets to New England, and then see his tail drop. He doesn't know what the weather is going to be in New England. He can't any more tell than he can tell how many Presidents of the United States there's going to be next year. Well, he mulls over it, and by and by he gets out something like this: 'Probably not east to south-west winds, varying to the southward and westward and eastward and points between; high and low barometer; sweeping around from place to place; probable snow of rain, show hail and drought, succeeded or preceded by earthquakes, with thunder and lightning.' Then he jots down this postscript from his wandering mind to cover accidents: 'But it is possible that the programme may be wholly changed in the meantime.'"

A Remarkable Crustacean.

In the course of the scientific expedition in the American steamer Black to the north of Yucatan in 1877 there was brought up from 1,500 fathoms depth in the Atlantic a crustacean the peculiar features of which have recently formed the subject of a note to the French Academy by Prof. Alphonse Milne-Edwards, to whom the specimen was sent by Prof. Agassiz. M. Milne-Edwards finds it a type of a new isopod family, and he calls it *Bathynomus giganteus*. The animal in question measures twenty-three centimeters in length and ten in breadth. What one is chiefly struck with is the completely new arrangement of the respiratory apparatus. It consists of a numerous series of branchia in the form of tufts placed between the false abdominal claws, and each blade of which, examined in the microscope, is found to be a tube covered with very fine hairs. This exuberance of respiratory apparatus is, doubtless, necessitated by the condition of life at such a great depth. But it was hardly to be expected that in a region so dark this crustacean should have, as it has, very well-developed eyes. Each of them comprises 4,000 facets, and is placed at the base of the antennae. According to M. Milne-Edwards, the bathynomus probably lives clinging to algae; it is carnivorous, and seems to feed chiefly on cephalopodous molluscs. It is thought the study of such animals should throw light on the history of fossil crustaceans, and especially on that of trilobites.

A Mother's Love.

Mothers live for their children, make self-sacrifices for them, and manifest their tenderness and love so freely that the name mother is the sweetest in human language. And yet sons, youthful and aged, know but little of the anxiety, the nights of sleepless and painful solicitude which their mothers have spent over their thoughtless waywardness. Those loving hearts go down to their graves with those hours of secret agony untold. As the mother watches by night or prays in the privacy of her closet, she weighs well the words which she will address to her son, in order to lead him to a manhood of honor and usefulness. She will not tell him all the griefs and deadly tears which beset her soul. She warns him with trembling lest she say overmuch. She tries to charm him with cheery love, while her own heart is bleeding. No worthy and successful man ever yet knew the breadth and depth of the great obligation which he is under to the mother who guided his heedless steps at the time when his character for virtue and purity was so narrowly balanced against a course of vice and ignominy. Let the dutiful son do his utmost to smooth his mother's pathway; let him obey as implicitly as he can his mother's wishes and advice; let him omit nothing that will contribute to her peace, and happiness, and yet he will part from her at the tomb with a debt to her not half discharged.—Ez.

Why Letters don't Go.

Because you forgot to address it.
Because you forgot to stamp it.
Because you forgot to write the town or State on the envelope.
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Because you used a once cancelled stamp.
Because you cut out an envelope stamp and pasted it on your letter.
Because you used internal revenue stamps instead of postage stamps.
Because you used old and out of date stamps.
Because you put a one-cent stamp on for a drop or city letter when it should be 2 cents.
Because you used a foreign stamp.
Because you wrote the address so badly that no one could read it.
Because you wrote the address on the top of the envelope, and it was surely obliterated by the postoffice dating, receiving and cancelling stamps.
And because you put your letter in a blank envelope, and sealed it and forwarded it to the dead-letter office, where thousands upon thousands of valuable letters are daily destroyed, because the people are either careless or ignorant upon the postal laws.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.
Sealed proposals will be received for the construction of County Buildings, for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, in separate bids for iron work, carpenter and mason work. Bidding bids will be open until July 20th, 1879, at two o'clock P. M.
Plans and Specifications can be seen at the residence of Jacob Stecker, Chairman of Committee on County Buildings, South Branch, Crawford County, or at Post Office, Houghtonville.
The committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
Signed: DAVID H. SHOOP, JOHN F. HUM, JACOB STECKER, Supervisors, Chairman.

NOTICE.
U. S. LAND OFFICE, REED CITY, MICH., JUNE 9TH 1879.
Complaint having been entered at this office by Freeman Engstrom against John Martin, for abandoning his Homestead entry No. 7828, dated September 8, 1875, upon the N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 14, Township 24, Range 3 West, North Range 3 West in Crawford County, Michigan, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 1st day of August, 1879, at one o'clock P. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.
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NOTICE TO OWNER OR OCCUPANT.
TAKE NOTICE, That application pursuant to law has been made to the undersigned, commissioner of highways for the township of Grayling, by at least seven freeholders of said township, to lay out a highway in said town, to be run as follows: Commencing at the E. corner of Section 22, Town of North Range 3 West, thence East 30.30-128 rods; thence N. E. across Section 18, 35.50-223 rods; thence N. E. across Sec. 27, 13.21-53 rods; thence N. E. across Sec. 28, 30.00-73 rods; thence N. E. across Sec. 14, 42.36-109 1/2 rods; thence N. E. across Sec. 13, 30.96-34 rods; thence North across Sec. 12, 84.50-238 rods; thence N. E. across Sec. 1, 10.30-303 rods; which highway will pass through lands owned or occupied by you. You are therefore hereby notified that the undersigned commissioner of highways, will meet at the hotel of M. S. Hartwick, Grayling, Mich. in said township, on the 24 day of July, 1879, at 10 o'clock A. M., to proceed to view the premises described in said application, and notice and ascertain and determine the necessity of laying out the highway above described, and to appraise the damages thereon.
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